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## NEW POST



Lord Pirrie, who, it was announced yesterday, has accepted the post of Controller-General of Merchant Ship-building under the First Lord, but not under the Admiralty Board.

## SCOTTISH LEGITIMACY CASE.



Mr. W. B. Bowyer Smijth and six other children of the late Sir William Bowyer Smijth and Lady Bowyer Smijth (now Mrs. Stanford), by an irregular Scots marriage, were declared legitimate in the Edinburgh Court of Sessions by Lord Anderson. Sir William was already married at the time of his "marriage" to Lady Bowyer Smijth. Mrs. Stanford (centre) leaving the court with two friends.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)

## AIR UNIFORM.



The staff officers of the new Air Force will be unlike any other staff officers in existence. They will wear no red tabs. Indeed, they will wear no tabs at all—red or otherwise. The cap will be of the Navy shape, with a black peak, a khaki top and a black band.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

## DECORATED.

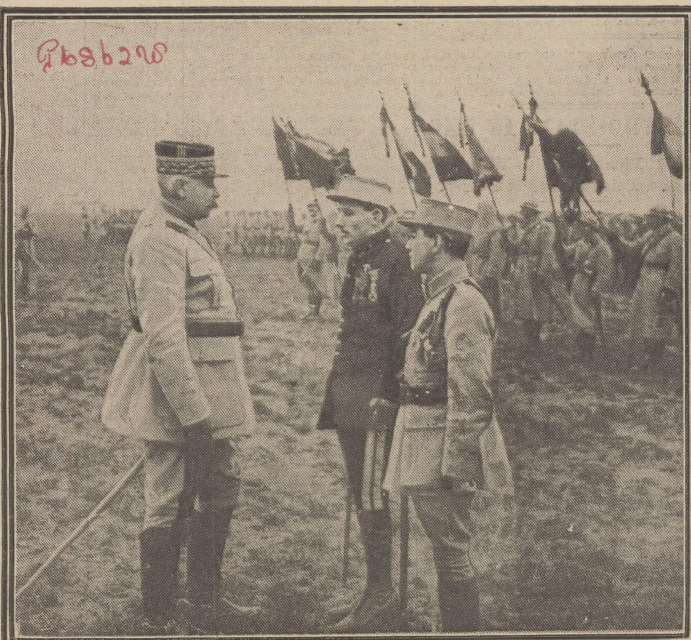


Second Lieut. J. N. Lambert, R.F.A., awarded M.C. When a large ammunition dump was set on fire by enemy shelling he at once extinguished the fire, with the assistance of another officer, under heavy shelling, and prevented a serious blow.



Temp. Lieut. H. G. E. Luchford, awarded the M.C. for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion when on a photographic reconnaissance he and his observer shot down and destroyed two enemy scouts. He has destroyed five other machines.

## INTERESTING NEWS OF TWO FRENCH AIRMEN.



This picture was taken when General Anthoine, commanding French Armies in Flanders, decorated Captain Heurteaux (dark uniform) and Sub-Lieutenant Ponck with the Legion of Honour. By an interesting coincidence separate messages from America and France respectively came over the tapes last night to the effect that Heurteaux has arrived in the United States for an air conference and Ponck has just brought down his twenty-ninth enemy aeroplane.—(French Official.)

## RESCUE ON HORSEBACK.



Major the Hon. R. M. P. Preston, awarded bar to D.S.O. When on reconnaissance duty he was fired upon at close range by superior numbers of hostile cavalry. On his patrol retiring the horse of one of his troopers fell. He rode back to within 100 yards of the enemy, placed the trooper on his horse and carried him to safety.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)



**Latest London Betting.**—War National, (run to-day).—7 to 2 Wavertree, 6-1 Poethlyn, 6-1 Ballymacad, 9-1 Ally Sloper, 19-2 Chang, 100-11 Shaun Spadah, 100-8 Vermouth, 100-7 Berneray, 20-1 Captain Dreyfus, 25-1 Charlbury, 33-1



# U-BOATS' WORLD TOLL: 6,000,000 TONS IN 12 MONTHS

## 3½ Million Tons Less Than Hun Boast— Shipping Post for Lord Pirrie.

## "MUSTARD GAS" DROPPED BY AIR HUNS.

## Heligoland Air Gain—Unruly Tribe in Baluchistan— 11 Big Ships Down—Moscow's Peril.

**The Lost Tonnage.**—Sir E. Geddes, in the Commons, yesterday, said that the loss of world shipping as the result of submarine piracy in the twelve months from February, 1917, was 6,000,000 tons, not nine and a half million tons as claimed by Germany. The loss of British tonnage has been 260,000 tons monthly and our production has averaged 140,000 tons monthly. Last week eleven big and six small ships were sunk. Lord Pirrie has accepted the post of Controller-General of Merchant Shipbuilding under the First Lord.

## GREAT ENEMY GUNFIRE ON VERDUN FRONT.

## French Repulse Many Fierce Attacks at Three Points.

### FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Wednesday Afternoon.—There was fairly great enemy artillery activity in the Champagne region, on the right bank of the Meuse and in the Woëvre.

After lively bombardments the enemy engaged at several points of the front in infantry actions which, however, proved abortive. To the north-east of Rheims a German coup de main was arrested without difficulty.

In the Souain sector the enemy three times attempted to reach our lines and was compelled to withdraw under the violence of our fire after sustaining serious losses.

In Lorraine a strong enemy attack against our positions south of Arracourt resulted in a violent hand-to-hand contest. Our troops partially gained the advantage and repelled the enemy, taking some prisoners.

On our side we carried out a raid on the German lines to the east of the Supte.—Reuter.

### BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Wednesday.  
9.57 A.M.—Raids attempted by the enemy last night in the neighbourhood of Fauquissart were successfully repulsed by Portuguese troops.

With the exception of some artillery activity on both sides in the Passchendaele sector there is nothing further to report.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Artillery activity continues from the coast to the La Bassee Canal and the Champagne. The firing dies very quiet near Verdun.

North-east of Bures our troops captured prisoners and machine guns.

The enemy developed strong activity at the Parroy Wood.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

## "GOD WILLING, WE SHALL BEAT RUSSIA IN WEST."

## Hindenburg's Message on Clearing Way to General Peace.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday.—According to a Berlin telegram Marshal von Hindenburg has sent the following telegram to the Provincial Council of Posen in reply to congratulations on the conclusion of peace with Russia:—  
"God willing, we shall also overcome the enemy in the west and clear the way to a general peace."—Reuter.

## AIRMAN RAIDS BULGARS.

### BRITISH OFFICIAL.

Salonica.—Our aeroplanes have bombed Angista and Poma stations. Near the latter place a train was attacked by machine gun fire from a low altitude. The driver was seen to jump off and the train was derailed and subsequently bombed.

Another aeroplane directed machine gun fire from a height of 300ft. against a Bulgarian company in Seres. A hostile machine was shot down and fell into Lake Doiran.

## PIAVE PATROLS ACTIVE.

### ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

Effective bursts of fire were carried out by our batteries west of the Garda Lake and between Noventa and Grisleria.

There was patrol activity along the Piave. Two captive balloons were set on fire, and two aeroplanes were downed, one by the French and one by the British.

## 11 BIG SHIPS DOWN.

The Admiralty shipping return shows eleven big ships were sunk last week, as compared with fifteen.

	Over	Under	Fishing
Week ended.	1,600 tons.	1,600 tons.	Vessels.
Mar. 16 .....	11	6	2
" 17 .....	15	3	1
" 18 .....	12	6	0

The weekly average in round figures of ships sunk in preceding months was:—

Feb. (4 weeks) ...	12	4	3
Jan. (4 weeks) ...	9	3	2
Dec. (5 weeks) ...	14	3	1

The arrivals and sailings of merchant ships of all nationalities (over 100 tons net) for the week ending March 16, was 2,696 and 2,277, a total of 4,415.

Eleven ships unsuccessfully attacked.

Italian Losses.—One big ship and two sailing vessels.

## FRONTIER OUTRAGES BY MARIS OF BALUCHISTAN.

## Aeroplanes Used by British in Punitive Reprisals on Tribesmen.

### INDIA OFFICE OFFICIAL.

The attitude of the Maris in Baluchistan, which has been unsatisfactory for some time, has recently culminated in a series of outrages. Aided in some cases by Khotrans, they have cut telegraph wires, fired on trains and destroyed Government property.

They also organised and carried out attacks in force on our posts at Gumbaz and Fort Munro, where they were completely repulsed and suffered many casualties.

Their attitude, however, is still defiant, and punitive measures are now being undertaken against them.

Our aeroplanes have on two occasions recently bombed their tribal concentrations with effect. The Khan of Kalat has very generously presented 4,000 rupees (£266) for the provision of comforts for the sick and wounded in the operations.

[Baluchistan, a region of plateaux, mountains and mountain valleys, bounded on the north by Afghanistan and the north-west frontier province of British India, comprises 132,000 square miles. It is a British protectorate, and has a population of 1,650,000.]

## AUSTRO-GERMANS MOVING TOWARDS MOSCOW.

## Peace Treaty Disregarded Trotsky's Plan of Defence.

PETROGRAD, Tuesday.—The Austro-Germans have occupied Souny, five hours' march from Kharkoff. At the same time movements of enemy troops are reported in the vicinity of Dno station on the Petrograd-Moscow line.

These facts give rise to serious suspicions that the Austro-Germans, in spite of the peace treaty, are planning an enveloping movement on Moscow.

In view of this alarming situation, M. Trotsky, who is president of the Supreme Military Commission in Petrograd, has arrived at Moscow, and has submitted to the Council of Peoples Commissioners a scheme for the defence of the country.

Last night three of the Peoples Commissioners entrusted with the organisation of the Red Revolutionary Navy were mysteriously murdered.—Reuter.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Wednesday.—In the Ukraine, Wurtemberg troops advancing to clear the railway from Olviopol to the north-east, fought and repulsed strong bands near Novo Khatinsk.

## ROMANIAN TRUCE.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL.

The armistice with Rumania has been extended until March 22.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

Bale, Wednesday.—According to information from Jassy, by way of Vienna, the new Rumanian Cabinet of M. Marghiloman is composed exclusively of partisans of the Central Powers.—Reuter.

## 2,000 U.S. PILOTS.

PARIS, Wednesday.—The Petit Parisien, referring to the aviation work of the Allies on the western front, says:—

"The Americans are beginning to reinforce our effectives, and to prove their own value."

"Among them is Ted Meredith, the well-known American sprinter."

"Baker, a famous American football and hockey player, is already at the front, and has two victories to his credit."

Before long 2,000 of them, perfectly trained, will take their place in the ranks of the Allied Armies.

"The victories officially recorded of the Allied chasing machines may confidently be multiplied by four to obtain a precise idea of the successes actually achieved."—Reuter.

## LORD PIRRIE'S DIRECT ACCESS TO PREMIER.

## Controller-General of the Merchant Shipbuilding.

## SIR E. GEDDES' SPEECH.

Sir Eric Geddes, the First Lord of the Admiralty, made an important speech in the House of Commons yesterday on the subject of shipping losses, as the result of U-boat warfare.

For the first time, he said, he was at liberty to give the actual figures of merchant shipping losses for the world and for the United Kingdom, and also the figures of construction.

The world's tonnage from the commencement of the war until December 31, 1917 (exclusive of enemy-owned tonnage) had fallen, said Sir Eric, by a net figure of roughly 2,500,000 tons.

This was out of 33,000,000 tons of estimated Allied and neutral ocean-going tonnage, which was arrived at after deducting small craft, river and estuary craft, and a considerable amount of lake tonnage.

The Allied and neutral world had thus suffered about an 8 per cent. reduction in ocean-going tonnage.

The percentage of net loss in British tonnage alone was higher. It amounted to a reduction of about 20 per cent.

### ENEMY'S UNTRUTHFUL BOAST.

Before the unrestricted warfare began we were 1,300,000 tons to the bad since the beginning of the war.

Dealing with enemy exaggeration, Sir Eric said that for twelve months of unrestricted warfare, from February 1, 1917, the enemy had proclaimed that he had sunk over 5,500,000 tons of shipping, British, Allied and neutral.

The actual figure of vessels sunk amounted to really 6,000,000 tons.

At the present day forty-seven large shipyards were wholly engaged on merchant tonnage.

Dealing with production, Sir Eric Geddes said the merchant tonnage produced in the British Isles in the four quarters of 1914 was 420,000.

From then it steadily fell, till in the last quarter, 1915, it was 32,000 tons. From then it rose till the last quarter of 1917, when it was 420,000 tons.

### THE BRITISH LOSSES.

By the increase in output and the decrease in sinking we reached in the last quarter of last year the position that the Allies were within 100,000 tons per month of making good the world loss of tonnage due to enemy action and marine risks.

Taking the British figures alone the losses were 260,000 tons per month (an average during the last months of 1917) against an average construction of 140,000 tons per month, a deficiency of 120,000 tons.

We must regret that the British position had suffered most, but we had contributed the greatest naval effort of all the Allies and had sustained the greatest attacks.

All this had made enormous demands on our shipyards.

It was well within the capacity of the Allied yards, and even of our own yards, given an adequate supply of men and materials, entirely to make good the world's losses on the present figures. (Hear, hear.)

He thought the figures now given to the House were much more reassuring than the House expected, and certainly that enemy people had been led to expect.

### THREE MAIN FACTORS.

Other points in the First Lord's speech were: The three main factors in the problem were: (1) Patrol and other craft to destroy submarines and safeguard ships at sea (2) Salvage and repair work (3) The building of new merchant ships.

If all our energies were put on to building new ships we should simply be providing sheep for the butcher's knife.

It was difficult to apportion the labour and material between the three problems.

Merchant tonnage constructed in the last quarter of 1917 was 420,000 tons, as against 25,000 tons for the last quarter of 1915.

To-day the material position was satisfactory. Stocks in the yards were more satisfactory than they had been for years.

The need to-day was for skilled labour. They were gradually getting skilled men back from the front.

Up to March 18, 1,811 skilled and unskilled men had been returned to the yards and 785 were waiting at the depot for the completion of their demobilisation.

## LORD PIRRIE'S POST.

Lord Pirrie had accepted the post of Controller-General of Merchant Shipbuilding under the First Lord. He would not be a member of the Board of Admiralty.

He would have direct access to the Prime Minister and War Cabinet on questions affecting merchant shipping.



# WAR BONDS AS REPRISALS

# UNDERGROUND WAR.

# THE FAIR FLAX V



Yarmouth, which has suffered severely from Hun raids, uses a tramcar tank and a battleplane as bond banks, so that they may inflict "frightfulness" upon those who originated it.



This Australian soldier is wearing the anti-gas apparatus used by rescue parties when extricating comrades overcome by gas in the tunnels driven for land mining purposes.



A flax industry was recently started at Yeovil for aeroplane wings. Women



**AIR BOARD.**—Mrs. Vaughan Thomas, now working at the Air Board, whilst her husband is on active service in Italy.

## TIPS EXCHANG



At Selby, in Yorks tips into the Aer

## AEROPLANE BANK AT LICHFIELD.



The aeroplane which is selling War Bonds at Lichfield. The children on the left were the first three purchasers during the week. On the extreme right is Lady Charnwood, wife of Abraham Lincoln's biographer.

## YOUTHFUL COMPETITORS FOR £500 PRIZE.



These happy children, armed with gardening implements of special size, work and plant their "very own" bit of the garden with the intention of carrying off, if possible, the £500 prize offered by The Daily Mirror for potatoes.

## WESTERN WAYS IN AN EASTERN LAND.



British troops supervise the filling of water tanks, which, carried by the camel, will provide refreshment for the men in the firing line. In the Eastern theatres of war water is very important.

## "THE



Locomotive engine in Baldwin engine in



**WORKER.**—Mrs. C. Ward, Administrator W.A.A.C., A Square Hospital, Stanhope Aldershot.



# S OF SOMERSET.



ulture and Fisheries. The finest flax is used  
bundles of flax to the works.

## R LOANS.



**WAR WORKER.**— Lady  
Tichborne, who is starting  
a collection to endow a  
"Catholic Woman's Bed"  
in New Hospital for Women.

# A "DERBY GROUP."



Lord Derby, when making an inspection of the 1st Eastern  
General Hospital, stopped to chat with two Lancashire lads  
who joined the Army under his "group" system.

# NOT A GUN, BUT A CAMERA



A wonderful camera in use behind the Italian lines. With this ap-  
paratus photographs of objects at long range can be taken with in-  
credible clearness and accuracy of detail.

## SALVING THE REFUSE OF THE DUSTBIN.



The Marylebone Borough Council utilises all the waste from the dustbins. Bits of  
old carpets, discarded string and empty bottles—all are useful. The dustcart  
discharging over a large grating where everything is sorted.



**V.C. ENGAGED.**— Capt.  
C. G. Vickers, V.C., Sher-  
wood Foresters, to marry  
Miss Helen T. Newton, of  
Harpenden, to-day.



**PRESENTATION.**— Lieut.  
L. A. Watson, 2nd D.  
M.C., presented with a let-  
ter of commendation by the residents  
of Chorlton-on-Medley.



**M.M.**— Pte. F. S. Dove,  
Tank Corps, has been  
awarded the M.M. for  
bravery at the battle of  
Cambrai.

## REVUE WRITTEN BY PEER'S DAUGHTER.



The air-raid scene in the revue written by Miss Doris Harbord, Lord Su-  
field's eighteen-year-old daughter (inset). The ladies, warned by maroons,  
camouflage themselves in coats and blankets and seek the cellars.

## WOODCUT PORTRAITS UP TO DATE.



John Donaldson, who has been hotel porter, waiter, greengrocer, telephone lines-  
man and soldier, and is now appearing in "The Beauty Spot" at the Gaiety  
Theatre, cuts excellent likenesses from wood with a penknife.

ing touch on a  
northern France.



—Capt. the Hon.  
m, M.C., son of  
rough, who has  
ed wounded in  
at the front.



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## "REASSURING"?

SIR ERIC GEDDES' "tell-the-truth" speech in the House of Commons yesterday turned out to be, in tone at least, a good deal more reassuring than the public had anticipated after the morning's preliminary blasts of very ominous warning in the newspapers. The "truth" is generally unpleasant. We expected to hear much that was unpleasant when we were warned we were going to hear the truth.

As to the substance of the speech—the facts and figures, as distinct from the interpretation put upon them—that was, we cannot help thinking, a good deal less reassuring than Sir Eric's cheery-breezy Admiralty mood concerning them.

He has told us constantly that the submarine is "held."

But that is a word or a phrase in a speech, needing to be controlled by closest study of the facts. "Held" is merely one man's interpretation of those facts. The public ought to judge on the facts alone.

But, unfortunately, the public have not, for the most part, inclination for the study of elaborate figures. They prefer to take the interpretation of those who possess the best information.

Again, the public do not realise that figures must be judged in relation to the whole diminishing output of the world's productivity in food—not by any pre-war standard. Roughly we may sum the position by saying that: (1) There is more food needed; (2) there is less food being actually produced; (3) there is, apart from all that, the submarine. And, we may add, there is the future—there is a war that shows no sign of coming to an end.

Holding these things in mind, one heard in the grave and quiet House of Commons yesterday, that "last year (1917) the Allies were within 100,000 tons per month of making good the world loss of tonnage due to enemy action."

Is that "held"?

We submit that it would be better to hold the phrase and to put the interpretation rather more severely for the multitude and for those men you want to speed up production in the shipyards.

For the rest, the situation is changing constantly. Recent figures are not so "reassuring" as those in the bulk of Sir Eric's speech. It is really high time that speeches and phrases gave place entirely to plain facts.

Sir Eric showed a securer grasp on popular psychology, however, and of what it needs by way of stimulus, when he pointed out that "it was well within the capacity of the Allied yards, and even of our own yards, given an adequate supply of men and materials, entirely to make good the world's losses on the present figures."

That is good, and it is the right kind of encouragement. We can do it and we must do it. When it is done, the submarine will be "held" indeed. But at present the need is not for self-congratulation but for renewed effort, in view of the fifth winter of the war.

W. M.

## IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 20.—Intermediate carrots may be sown at this date. These should be cultivated where the ground is not of a great depth. The soil should not have been lately manured, but let it be broken up quite fine and mixed with plenty of garden ashes.

The drills must be drawn about 15in. apart. Soot should be used as sowing proceeds. Directly the young plants appear frequently dust them with soot early in the morning to keep away the carrot fly.

E. F. T.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it, but how much service we gave in it; not how full it was of success, but how full it was of sacrifice; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how ambition was gratified, but how love was served.—Hugh Black.

# TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

## SIR ERIC REASSURES.

A Typewriter Famine in the City—Are the "Souls" Being Re-embodied?

I THOUGHT that Sir Eric Geddes' hour-and-twenty-minutes speech to the House of Commons on the shipping problem yesterday seemed a clear, frank and business-like statement. It was closely packed with facts and figures, the general effect of which was to reassure.

**Grasp of Figures.**—Sir Eric, so bronzed by his recent trip to the Mediterranean as to make men on the Treasury Bench look pale by contrast, read his statement. But his grasp of his subject was complete, as was proved by the pat way in which he reeled off figures when once or twice he was "pulled up" for information.

**Distinguished Hearers.**—The First Lord had a distinguished audience, though the

**Stage Marriage.**—News of an interesting theatrical engagement—of the matrimonial, not professional, sort—reached me yesterday. Mr. Fisher White told me that he was to marry Miss Joan Vivian Rees, who acted with him in "Damaged Goods," which made such a sensation some months ago.

**Black Diamonds.**—The pretty bride-to-be is very well known in South Wales, where her father is a big colliery proprietor. She has not been on the stage very long; but her fiancé has long been known as one of our finest actors of intense character parts.

**Self-Help in Clubs.**—Some of the West End clubs have introduced the help-yourself buffet to save service. You buy your tea ticket, are helped from an urn by a young woman who stands behind it, and off you go with cup and saucer to sit where you please.

**Deputy-Chairwoman.**—I seldom attend the debates of the London County Council, but

**Typewriter Famine.**—There is a great and increasing shortage of typewriters. I heard yesterday of a City man who was offering a reward of £2 to anybody who could tell him where he could buy one.

**Welsh Novelists.**—In the midst of all his heavy preoccupations, Mr. Lloyd George can find time to encourage Welsh talent. Here you see Mrs. Edith Nepean, who has just published her first novel of Welsh life; and it was owing to the Premier's oft-urged advice that she took up her people in fiction. The book is dedicated to Mr. Lloyd George.



Mrs. Nepean.

**From Wales.**—Though she comes of an old Welsh family—one of whose early members is reported to have married a Welsh fairy—Mrs. Nepean now lives at Cheriton, where she has organised a corps of Red Cross laundry girls.

**Mrs. Beatty's Hospital.**—Curative (and very lovely) colouring of blues, greens and rose pinks are the feature of the new hospital for American officers which Dr. and Mrs. Page opened yesterday. Against white walls and furniture the quilts, cushions, mats and curtains to match are delightful.

**U.S. Car.**—Amongst a host of American women, in their pretty war uniforms, I saw Lady Randolph Churchill, with her sister, Mrs. Moreton-Frewen, and Lady Henry. Lady Brabourne was chatting to some girl "overseas" drivers.

**Sunshine Above.**—Not even the actors wore their fur coats yesterday, when the sky was glorious azure, and the day balmy as one in early June is supposed to be. The West End was full of people, including many wounded soldiers, enjoying the treat which the weather god was kindly allowing London.

**Foreign Parts.**—There are only three men in "Be Careful, Baby"—Messrs. Edward Cumbermere, Lawrence Hannay and Griffith Humphreys. The last, who seems to be making a speciality of foreign characters—do you remember his excellent German in "Loyalty"?—will be an exuberant Italian.

**The Date.**—I find that this merry piece, of which one of the authors is Miss Margaret Mayo, who wrote "Baby Mine," will be produced at the Apollo about the middle of April. "Inside the Lines" finishes its long run there on the 13th.

**"Bits."**—Mr. Harry Gratton told me yesterday that his forthcoming revue will be called "Bits: Old and New"—a good title, I think.

**Economy?**—The rumour that domestic supplies of gas and electricity may be shut off at a fixed hour of the evening has disconcerted many. "Imagine sudden illness in the night," said an alarmed housewife to me, "and not being able to switch on the light or set the gas stove burning!"

**The Midnight "Juice."**—And what about night workers? Many literary men and article writers continue their toil after the ordinary man is in bed. "Get up early and do it," suggests the practical man. Let him try to do brain work in the cold, grey dawn!

**Moleskins Needed.**—A friend in Yorkshire tells me there is an abnormal demand for moleskins for glove making, and the countryside is being scoured for them.

**Exploration.**—I hear that Sir Douglas Mawson, with a step in rank, is "specially employed." This is a vague W.O. term that



Mrs. Philip Milford, daughter of the late Sir Arthur Fowler.

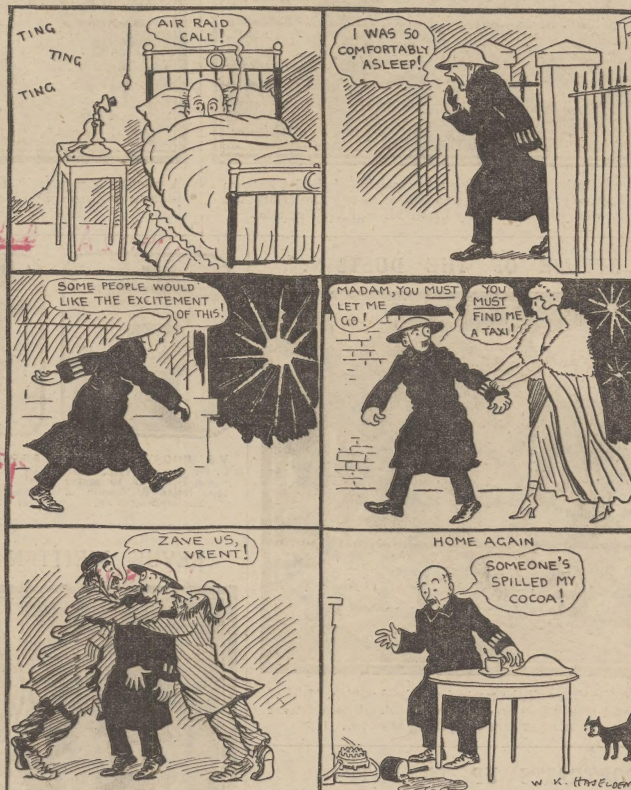


Lady Buhman, who helps with the work of the Queen's Needlework Guild.

may mean lots of things. Anyhow, any employment which the intrepid Polar explorer may take on is certain to be interesting.

THE RAMBLER.

## THE TRIALS AND PLEASURES OF A "SPECIAL."—No. 4.



Next come the Air Raid Nights, when his services are particularly in request.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

benches were by no means overcrowded. Just behind him were the Prime Minister and Mr. Bonar Law. Lord Jellicoe (in mufi), Lord Beresford and Lord Rhonda were in the Peers' Gallery, while on the other side of the clock were three admirals in uniform with Sir Rosslyn Wemyss.

**M.P.'s Holidays.**—I gather that few members of Parliament will go far afield when the House rises to-day for the Easter holidays. The Surrey Hills or the Thames Valley will tempt some. Patriotic legislators will save the railways as much as possible.

**Retiring.**—I hear that Sir Philip Pilditch does not intend to fight Islington again, though he greatly reduced the adverse majority when he last stood. Instead he will contest the Spelthorne Division of Middlesex.

**Buying Orchids.**—The other day on a railway platform I saw a lot of crates containing valuable orchid plants. They were addressed to the Midlands and North. "All going to munitionaires," said a porter.

felt impelled yesterday to go and see how Miss Katherine Wallas acquitted herself in the deputy-chair, to which she has just been elected. Tall, and with a musical voice, she is an excellent speaker; and no better choice could have been made for the first woman "deputy-chairman."

**The Dead "Souls."**—There is talk of reviving the "Souls," who have not been celebrating their rites during the war. Among them in the old days were Earl Curzon, the Duchess of Portland, the Duchess of Rutland, Lady Plymouth, Mrs. Henry Cust and Mr. A. J. Balfour.

**New Play.**—Mr. Zangwill's new farce, "Too Much Money," will be produced on the afternoon of April 9. Miss Lillah McCarthy will play the lead.

**Back Again.**—Miss Fay Compton tells me that she will soon be back on the stage. She will be in Mr. Alfred Butt's new production, "Fair and Warmer." Messrs. Nigel Playfair and Ronald Squire will be in it, too.



By JOHN  
CARDINAL

**HIPPODROME** London.—Twice Daily, 2.30 and 8.30.  
 "Box o' Tricks." Shirley Kellogg, Harry Tate, etc. Ger. 65.  
**PALLADIUM.** 2.30, 6.10, 9. Little Tich, Beatle and  
 Babs, Max Darewski, Amy Evans, Jay Laurier, Mal. Scot.



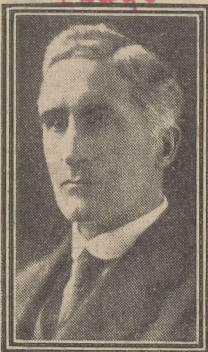
# WATERFORD ELECTION SCENES: SEE EXCLUSIVE PICTURES ON PAGE ONE

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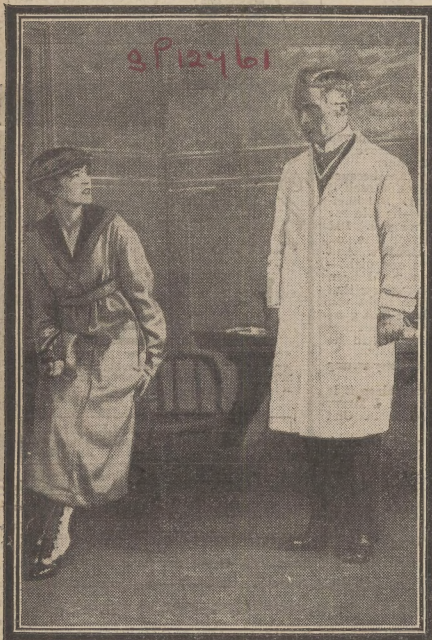
### A STAGE ROMANCE.



Miss Joan Vivian Rees, in Elizabethan frock.



Mr. J. Fisher White, in "Loyalty."



Mr. Fisher White and Miss Joan Vivian Rees in a scene in "Damaged Goods."

A marriage will shortly take place between Mr. J. Fisher White, the well-known actor, and Miss Joan Vivian Rees. Both Mr. White and Miss Rees played leading parts in "Damaged Goods" recently.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)



TO WED.—Mr. J. Hackett, M.P. for Mid-Tipperary, who will marry Miss E. A. Keating, daughter of the late Mr. J. Keating, on April 10.



A MOTHER.—Lady Glania, whose husband is the heir of the Earl of Strathmore, has recently given birth to twin children. She is a popular hostess.

### FIGURES IN YESTERDAY'S INVESTITURE



Mr. W. A. T. Shorto, O.B.E., of the Admiralty.



Miss G. M. Thomas, M.B.E., War Intelligence.



Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy, inventors of a war device which has been used so successfully on many recent occasions, outside Buckingham Palace. Mrs. Pomeroy received the M.B.E. at yesterday's Investiture.



Mr. F. B. Saville, O.B.E., Leeds Special Constabulary.



Rev. R. Staples, M.B.E., Dean special constable.



Miss Stevenson (centre), the lady secretary of Mr. Lloyd George, with her mother, and Sir Charles Sykes, K.B.E., who also received his decoration yesterday.



Mrs. Stuart, M.B.E., and Miss Pearce, M.B.E., of the New Zealand Hospital, being cheered outside the Palace by patients.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

At an Investiture held at Buckingham Palace yesterday the King conferred a number of British Empire decorations. Among the recipients was Miss Stevenson, the lady secretary of Mr. Lloyd George.

### A SUCCESSOR TO FRITZ



A British officer seated in a Boche "machine" which he had brought down in our lines on the western front.—(British official photograph.)

### FROLICHSOME W.A.A.C.s



They are skipping in Hyde Park. It is one of the ways by which the W.A.A.C.s contrive to keep fresh and fit for duty.